

Creating a Political Cartoon

Directions: Create a political cartoon showcasing current events. The cartoon will be graded on the criteria below and the idea and effort put forth will trump artistic ability. If you are drawing stick figures, make them two-dimensional and draw clothes. Take time and care with your illustrations.

Requirements:

- Your cartoon must show a current event.
- Your cartoon must have a clear opinion showcased and not just be a picture presentation of the concept.
- Your cartoon must be original and not copied from a cartoon you've seen in class or one that was found on the Internet.
- Utilize all of the space on the paper.
- Provide a clear and bolded title at the top of the cartoon.
- Write an explanation of your cartoon in the space provided below.
- This rubric, with your name on the top, must be stapled to and submitted with your political cartoon (have it assembled before class or it is LATE).

Explanation:

STUDENT CREATED POLITICAL CARTOON RUBRIC

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Knowledge of Concepts	The political cartoon demonstrates higher level understanding of an issue	The political cartoon demonstrates an understanding of an issue.	The political cartoon demonstrates recognition of an issue but not a clear understanding.	The political cartoon demonstrates that the student is still struggling to understand the issue.
Visual Expression of Ideas	The political cartoon is rich with symbolism. The message goes beyond a statement and reflects an in-depth opinion.	The political cartoon contains symbolism. The message goes beyond a statement but does not reflect an in-depth opinion.	The political cartoon demonstrates little symbolism. The message does not really go beyond a statement and does not reflect an in-depth opinion.	The political cartoon demonstrates little to no symbolism. The message does not really go beyond a statement and does not reflect an in-depth opinion.
Organization and Preparation	The political cartoon is of excellent quality and it is apparent that the student spent time in preparing it.	The political cartoon is of good quality and it is apparent that the student spent some time.	The political cartoon is of fair quality and seems rushed.	The political cartoon appears to have been hastily created and appears messy or disorganized.
Directions	All directions are followed.	One direction was not followed.	Two directions were not followed.	Three or more directions were not followed.